

# WILLIAM J. CALHOUN.

Guarding American Interests in China as United States Minister.



## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.

Speeding Car Runs Down Two Men Near Fitzgerald.

A Fitzgerald, Ga., young man, John Morgan, driving an automobile, ran into the two young men who were riding on one bicycle. Morgan's car was badly damaged and the two young men were killed.

The young man killed was Charles Morgan. His skull was crushed in the crash. The other young man, John Morgan, was killed by a blow to the head. The car was badly damaged and the driver was not injured.

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## ROCKEFELLER RESIGNS.

He Longer at Head of Standard Oil Company.

John D. Rockefeller resigned as president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He was succeeded by Walter Dill Scott.

A majority of officers and directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who have been associated with Mr. Rockefeller in the control of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, also handed in their resignations.

These included: William Rockefeller, as vice-president; director; C. M. Pratt, as vice-president; William G. Rockefeller, as assistant treasurer; H. C. Porter, Jr., as secretary and assistant treasurer; and Directors H. M. Plager, L. G. Drake and E. T. Bedford. Mr. Rockefeller, the new president, also resigned as vice-president. The board of directors is reduced from 14 to 9 members.

## Kissing Causes Rabies.

Several days ago Mr. and Mrs. James Ayers, their two sons and two daughters of Brighton, Mich., knelt by the bedside of their son and brother, James, Jr., and kissed him a last goodbye. A post mortem proved that the youth died of rabies and the family of six are patients at an Ann Arbor hospital. Their condition has not been ascertained. The attending physician is also at the institution. While removing the brain of the victim shortly after the latter's death, the doctor cut one of his own fingers.

## Strike Threatened.

A special from Meridian, Miss., says: Serious labor troubles, involving the whole Queen and Crescent system, are now just beginning to assume definite proportions. Such is the intelligence gained in railroad circles. United States Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill has been called to a conference.

## Held for Girl's Death.

Mrs. Earl Samuel, whose time ago fatally shot Miss Lacie West in a local theater, the young woman being in company with Mr. Samuel, came into criminal court at Nashville, Tenn., and had her bond fixed at \$5,000. She was indicted on the charge of murder.

## GENERAL Already.

NEWS states have accepted in NOTES. vitations and indicated their intention of participating in the fifteenth international congress of hygiene and demography to be held in Washington city September 23-25, 1912. Although the congress was organized almost half a century ago, this will be the first time it will have met on American soil. It is expected to bring several thousand Europeans, to this country, including sanitarians, public health officials and representatives of manufacturing commercial interests.

In a silk-lined casket and a burglar proof grave there reposes the body of Rah Rah, a famous Scotch collie owned by William S. Adams, of Greenfield, Mass. A private service was held over the remains at the home of Mr. Adams and a profusion of floral tributes from friends was laid on the grave. The dog had won many prizes at shows and was celebrated throughout the countryside as a very intelligent animal. He could sing and dance and for years made three or four trips a day to the postoffice for his master's mail.

Dr. Louis S. Booth, 26 years old, an attending physician at a local hospital at New Haven, Conn., was operated upon last night for appendicitis without taking anesthesia. He was placed upon the operating table and allowed to watch the operation and to make suggestions as to how it should be done. A rapid recovery is expected.

A Teheran dispatch says: The national council has telegraphed an appeal for aid to the American congress and to the sister parliaments of the world. The local assemblies at Isfahan, Tabriz and Kerman have telegraphed to Treasurer-General Shuster, the American, lending his services and affirming their confidence in him.

Colonel Thomas Edward Sereven, South Carolina and veteran of the war, died Monday afternoon at his residence, 69 Crew st., Atlanta, Ga. He was in his eighty-second year, and had been ill but a short time. Friends and relatives had been summoned and were at his bedside when he passed away.

The military authorities of Germany are planning to build an aerial cruiser, with a carrying power of 200 persons, and a speed of 50 miles an hour. Its gas capacity will be 10,000 cubic meters. The plan is the outcome of the aerial maneuvers just ended, which were unusually satisfactory.

## CRIMES

Tod Schriver, a well-known American aviator, was killed in an exhibition flight which he was making at Ponce, Porto Rico. Schriver fell from a height of 200 feet. In a Baldwin aeroplane and went through a number of evolutions. Apparently he lost control of the machine in making a turn. The aeroplane swooped to the earth and landed with a crash. Schriver being half buried in the wreckage.

Walking beside their father and helping him to trundle a barrow loaded with wood for the Thanksgiving day fireplace, Harry Rouff, aged 14, and his brother John, 7, were struck and killed by an automobile on the Charles River Esplanade at Cambridge, Mass. The father, John Rouff, was fatally injured. The driver of the truck is held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter. The Esplanade was dimly lighted and the accident is said to have been due to that fact.

Fire resulting from a gas explosion destroyed a five-story building at Kansas City, Mo., and threatened a business block in the retail quarter. Two floors of the burned building were used as a billiard hall and a bowling alley, by John King, baseball catcher. The loss is \$20,000, of which \$90,000 was sustained by King. The baseball man said he suffered most from the loss of valuable paintings which adorned the walls of his billiard hall. The paintings were not insured.

Seeing Adolph Layne in the vicinity of his home near Walter Hill, in Rutherford county, James Merritt, son of a well-known farmer, went to the house of a relative, borrowed a shotgun and killed him. Layne is alleged to have been persistent in his attention to Mrs. Merritt, causing ill feeling which some months ago resulted in the poisoning of Layne. Merritt, after the killing, surrendered.

In a fire at a local garage at Savannah, Ga., the Ford car driven in the Tiedman trophy automobile race on Monday, was destroyed, as were three other machines owned by local parties. The fire started from a leaking tank of the Ford car. The stock of Lichtenstein & Hirsch, consisting of cigars and groceries, was damaged considerably by smoke and water.

Saturday night a negro detective was killed in the negro section of Atlanta, Ga. He had disclosed several blind tigers recently and threats had been made against him. Sheriff Fields of Emanuel county, came over in his automobile and arrested and carried to Swainsboro five negro men.

Captain E. A. Swaner and four members of the crew of the tugboat, named were killed in the explosion of the boat's boilers while she was lying in the Ohio river off Avalon, six miles south of Pittsburg, Pa. Nine others were injured, two fatally.

## JUDGE C. C. KOHLSAAT.

Who Quash'd Chicago Packers' Plea For Habeas Corpus.



## FACES MURDER CHARGE.

Woman on Trial for Killing Young Man.

At Wars superior court, which has just begun the December session at Waycross, Ga., Mrs. R. L. Robbins, charged with the murder of Miss Belle Smith, in Waycross, last July, will be tried.

The case is one that has attracted much attention, and will no doubt occupy several days of the court. Mrs. Robbins has been confined in jail since her arrest immediately after the killing. Judge Parker refusing to grant a petition for bail. Some of the states best legal talent has been employed for the defense, and the battle, from a legal point of view, will be keenly contested.

## GOING AFTER THE

## MEN HIGHER UP

Detective Burns Talks of His Plans.

## INDICTMENTS ARE EXPECTED

Slueth Says That John B. McNamara Was Paid One Thousand Dollars a Month to Carry on His Alleged Dynamiting Operations.

"It is perfectly true that the executive council of the Iron workers' union voted a monthly fund of \$1,000 to be paid to John J. McNamara. There is evidence to substantiate the charge that this money was knowingly voted for the purpose of paying it to James B. McNamara and Orrie McManis, and that it was used by them in their dynamiting operations."

That was the statement of Detective William J. Burns, who arrived at Cleveland from Akron, Ohio. That he was going after the men higher up, and a criticism of President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, were other points emphasized by Mr. Burns.

The detective spent the day in Akron, where he investigated the Berger case following explosion of July, 1910.

"We are going after the men back of the McNamaras," said Mr. Burns. "The loss is \$20,000, of which \$90,000 was sustained by King. The baseball man said he suffered most from the loss of valuable paintings which adorned the walls of his billiard hall. The paintings were not insured."

"I have lately come from Indianapolis, where I conferred with United States District Attorney Miller. Enough evidence will be brought before the grand jury at its meeting there December 14 to cause a number of indictments."

## Socialists Defeated.

George Alexander, good government candidate for mayor, was re-elected at Los Angeles, Cal., by an overwhelming majority over Joe Harriman, socialist. The count of ballots at 8:30 tonight in 16 precincts out of a total of 217 gave Alexander 27,999, and Harriman 10,554. This shows a gain for Alexander of about 3 to 1 compared with the primary vote.

## A Fatal Mistake.

Exact similarity in shape, size and color of bottle containing an iron tonic and carbolic acid caused M. R. Emmons, of 794 Peachtree street, Atlanta, Ga., retired capitalist and one of Atlanta's most prominent and highly respected citizens, to take a dose of the latter, by mistake Sunday night, causing his death soon after.

## Charter Extended.

The comptroller of currency has extended the corporate existence of the Fourth National bank of Columbus, Ga., until December 5, 1912.

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# Tax Notice.

## Tax Collector's and Assessor's Appointments.

Pursuant to the law as found in Act approved March 5, 1901, page 2580, Acts 1900-1, we will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing and collecting taxes for the County of Coffee and State of Alabama, to-wit:

### Third Round.

At Victoria, Monday December 4th.

At Enterprise, four days beginning Wednesday, December 13, and ending the following Saturday.

On all other legal business days from October 1st, to December 31, we will be at our offices in the court house at Elba for the purpose of assessing and collecting taxes.

Taxes Fall Due on October 1st,

and become delinquent after Dec. 31, after which interest and costs accrue.

Poli tax may be paid by those who so desire between October 1st and February 1st.

Property should be listed for assessment between October 1 and January 1, after which date costs accrue. Come yourself to list your property for assessment, unless tax payer is woman or disabled.

Tax payers are urged to meet as early as practicable, for paying taxes and assessing taxes.

J M Folsom, Tax Collector,  
Jack D Lee, Tax Assessor.

# THE ELBA CLIPPER.

## TWICE-A-WEEK.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

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### The American Road Congress.

The American Road Congress, which was held at Richmond, Virginia, November 30 to 23, signified two important events in the general movement for the improvement of public highways. It sounded the death knell of an alleged highway improvement association and heralded the birth of a new movement, around which all road associations and clubs may unite and push forward to the attainment of their purpose.

No thinking man can dispute that Federal aid is the one essential in the movement for better roads, and any organization which opposes aid by the National Government can only hinder, rather than help, the general cause.

The people want better roads, and as ours is a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, our Government should lend its aid. Even if only producers were to receive the benefit of good roads, that alone would warrant Federal aid, but when it is considered that consumers far outnumber producers, and that the former must depend upon the latter for their daily food supply, the question of improved public highways, which can be used at all seasons of the year, becomes of vast importance to the entire country.

Congress has enacted tariff laws for the protection of producers and manufacturers, with little or no regard for the welfare of the infinitely larger body, the consumers. Good roads are in the interest of all alike and will inure to the benefit of every man, woman and child in the United States, therefore, this important movement is worthy of Congressional consideration and Governmental aid.

The American Road Congress was attended by hundreds of delegates, representing practically every state in the Union, and resolutions favoring Federal aid were passed unanimously, after feeble resistance by officials and employees of the Federal Government. The work of the American Road Congress will be continued at a meeting to be held at Washington, D. C., on January 10 and 11, at which time the first organized, systematic and concentrated effort to secure Federal aid legislation will be made.

Every club and association interested in the betterment of road conditions is invited to attend and aid in the movement.—R. F. D. News.

### Sunday School.

A goodly number of the surrounding community met at Vandervelt School house Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School.

The audience was called to order by Mr. W. C. Stevens. After singing a song, prayer was led by R. M. Corbett. Scriptures reading and a Sunday school talk by Prof. J. L. Sawyers who is teaching at Vandervelt.

Song by class.

A talk by R. M. Corbett and W. C. Stevens. Went into the election of officers who were as follows.

J. L. Sawyers, Superintendent, W. C. Stevens, assistant Superintendent, Clifford Boutwell, Secretary.

Another short talk by J. L. Sawyers then the congregation was dismissed by W. C. Stevens.

We will have Sunday School every Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

J. L. Sawyer, Supt., Clifford Boutwell, Sec.

### Where the Preachers Go.

Below is the list of appointments of Methodist preachers for the Troy and Dothan districts for the coming year:

TROY DISTRICT—S M Hoamer, P. E. Troy, C A Rush; Troy Circuit, Luther Glimmer; Union Springs, J. T. Mangum; Brundidge, W. H. McNeal; Elba, J. F. Fagin; Opp and Red Level, B. F. Marshall; River Falls and Sanford, T. H. Jones; Andalusia, D. C. Glenn; Rose Hill, W. C. Cowart; Brantley, J. M. Glenn; Luverne, S. G. Boyr; Rutledge, G. M. Spivey; Lapine, F. P. Fuchser; Shady Grove, C. T. Martin; Ramer, O. J. Goodman; Fitzpatrick, J. F. Price; Georgiana, W. Bancroft; Andalusia Mission, W. J. Corrothon.

Missionary Evangelist, A. L. Sellers; Financial Agent, J. H. Frazier.

DO THAN DISTRICT—H. T. Johnson, P. E.; Foster Street, F. A. Rogers; Lafayette Avenue, C. B. Pilley; Columbia and Gordon, J. L. Jones; Headland and Midland City, J. K. Williams; Ashford, W. T. Stough; Newton, J. F. Nelson; Daleville, M. E. Grant; Enterprise, E. L. Crawford; Slosscomb, S. J. Gibson; Taylor, A. L. Lampkin; Hartford and Samson, T. J. Bilbro; Hartford Circuit, W. E. Middlebrooks; Coffee Springs, J. M. Traitt; Geneva, R. R. Ellison, Agent Supernumerary Homes, T. J. Jones; Conference Missionary Secretary, L. P. Lampman; Missionary to Cuba, J. H. Williams.

No. 6597.

Report of the condition of the

### First National Bank at Elba.

is in the State of Alabama, at the close of business, Dec. 5, 1911.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$208,865.83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	29,913.54
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	375.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	6,662.95
Banking house, furniture, fixtures and other cash items	8,300.92
Real estate owned	7,750.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	165.35
Due from State and Private banks and bankers, Trust Companies and Savings banks	3,660.63
Due from approved reserve agents	11,664.41
Checks and other cash items	195.77
Notes of other National Banks	3,500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	112.60
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$331.20
Legal Tender Notes	2,099.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$340,260.38
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	31,768.86
National Bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	72.38
Individual deposits subject to check	114,641.61
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,686.83
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	16,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated, over cash	90.25
Total	\$340,260.38

State of Alabama, I, C. C. Powell, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. C. Powell, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Dec., 1911.

N. C. Russ, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: V. W. Rainer, John M. Garrett, L. A. Boyd, Directors.

Kin-Lax will take the place of calamel. City Drug Co.

### Brooke Ready to Defend His Good Roads Platform.

H. Y. Brooke, candidate for Congress-man-at-large on a good roads platform, says he is in the race to win and if it is necessary he is ready to meet all comers in joint debate if his good roads plank should be attacked. He is not seeking a joint discussion but since the entry of Kyle B. Price into the race much has been said about "just apures." Mr. Price is known as a man who sleeps better at night if his voice has been engaged in a debate the day before. Mr. Brooke doesn't call any names, but if anybody jumps on his good roads platform, he'll announce his readiness to meet him antagonistic in the forum, on the platform or in the hotel lobby.

"I propose that the government should circulate Treasury notes, as it does National Bank notes, on security of county bonds bearing two per cent interest," said Mr. Brooke, this debt to run twenty-five years. This would cost a man only \$2.00 a year. No man should mind giving that little for good roads. The government could certainly do this, for it has set a precedent in the case of the Union Pacific railroad when it loaned its credit to live promoters. The Treasury notes of course would be used exclusively for good roads purposes."—Montgomery Advertiser.

### Gov. O'Neal and the People.

Governor O'Neal, in his Cincinnati speech, is reported as saying that England labored for centuries and finally went through bloody wars to free the hands from the interference of the sovereign. Governor O'Neal maintained that the people are the only sovereign recognized in the United States and it is just as important to protect our judges from the caprices of the sovereign people as it was to protect them from the interference by European sovereigns.

The simile is unfortunate in that it puts the American people on a level with some of the most oppressive rulers who ever sat on a throne. It does not sound so well to speak of the sovereign people as if they were foes to liberty, as the English sovereigns alluded to by Governor O'Neal were.

As to the prospect of the people interfering with their courts, it is remote. What the people intend to have is a closer hand upon their representatives. Governor O'Neal regards this as destructive of republican institutions, but in reality it will be preservative; for it will strengthen the republic. Let it be remembered that Jefferson said: "My most earnest wish is to see the republican element of popular control pushed to the maximum of its practical exercise. I shall then believe that our government may be pure and perpetual."

That it is pure now, no one will contend. It is too much a government away from the people; a government, by politicians ruled by corporate and political interests; a government too far removed from the actual control of the people. That it will be perpetual in this condition is extremely doubtful. Governments exist among free people for a purpose—that is, to serve the people. Insofar as they fail to do this, they run the risk of abolition. For their own safety's sake the people should have the maximum of control—all that can be practically exercised by them.—Mobile Register.

### Mrs. Abigail Windham Dead.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Abigail Windham died Monday night. For some time she had been living with her daughter here in Elba, Mrs. Ida Kimmey. She was the widow of the late Abigail Windham, who died just a little more than a year ago, and the mother of Messrs. J. S. Windham, T. P. Windham, W. P. Windham, W. S. Windham, D. H. Windham, and Mrs. Ida Kimmey and Mrs. D. A. Gore.

She was about 70 years old, and had lived an exemplary christian life. She was the mother of some of Elba's most prominent and worthy citizens. The Windham family is one of the oldest and best known families of the county. For many years their home was near Damascus, where some of the family yet reside.

Besides the children above named, Mrs. Windham leaves a large number of grand children and other relatives who mourn her loss. She was buried Tuesday at Damascus cemetery.

The Clipper extends the family condolence and sympathy in their sad loss.

### Fools and Prosperity.

"Your honor," said the little woman, trying her best to keep from crying. "Your honor, my husband was all right till he began to make too much money. He never neglected me or ill-treated the children when we were poor, but you see now he has so much to spend. He has with a kind of fast crowd, 'legness'."

The little woman was very pale and very thin and her eyes were very red, but she was very neat, and the clerk, who was to her were as clean as a whistle, and water and anxious care could make them, and they looked up at their little mother with timid eyes full of love and trust.

She was a wonderful mother to them, not at all frightened by the crowd or the big policeman who stood at the door of the courtroom, or even by the stern face of the judge, who sat there on the high seat, above the crowd—at least, not so very much frightened; she could speak up and say—any one could see by the way the judge looked at the little woman that he liked and respected her.

"So," said the judge, his growing a little softer, "so he can't stand prosperity, eh? How much is he getting to spend now?"

"Well," said the little woman lifting her head with a kind of rueful pride, "after he had paid the grocery bill and the rent he has almost \$10 a month to spend on himself. He's had that much almost a year now, and of course!"

Two or three young reporters, who were inside the rail, nudged each other and started to smile, but the judge frowned them when.

"Of course," he said. "Of course, I'll try to reason with him."

Couldn't stand prosperity? Poor dullard. Ten dollars a month to spend was too much for him. Well, how much better are any of the rest of us than he? He doesn't know how to spend that extra ten. He never even thought of spending it on that wretched little woman who was making excuse for him after he had beaten her and her children. How her sad face would have lit up if he had brought a present home to her some Saturday night—not anything so very grand—just a little simply "I haven't forgotten" gift.

To be sure, she would doubtless have wished he had spent the money for the children, and it would have taken some trouble to

keep her from slipping away downtown and trading for some new fancy shoes. It takes on them, for the baby, but the tremendous joy in her shining heart if he had remembered just once in ten years. Why she'd have grown a foot taller with pride and simple joy, and what a fur-bishing up of old finery there would have been in the humble little home that day after her husband brought her that present, as a sweethearth would. The children would hardly have known her, she would have looked so young and so pretty and so gay.

What a glorious heart full of happiness that extra ten, or one-third of it, would have brought to that dingy little flat if the man who made that money had not known—poor fool—how to buy real happiness with it. But he didn't. So he bought whiskey for men who laughed at him for a weak-minded fool the next day. His back was turned, and he went home and beat the only real friend he had in the world and her helpless children. Misery, disgrace, that's—that's what his extra money bought for the poor fool and the poor fool's own.

Well, what are we who laugh at him for his crass folly doing with our extra thousand or our extra ten thousand, for that matter? Buying a lot of make-believe friends, hunting through open markets of the wide and obliging word for heartaches and delusions, for bitterness and for cruel disappointment. They're for sale all of these things, and we can spend every extra dollar we make buying them.

This dull brute bought his share for \$10 a month. You may pay ten thousand a month for mine, but it's the same kind of merchandise, after all.

This dull brute bought his share for \$10 a month. Her husband loved her once and was proud of her. Now he's too busy to remember she's alive, except when check time comes around.

### Tigers Flourish In Legally Wet City of Birmingham.

"There are not less than 600 blind tigers in Jefferson county." This is the statement of Chairman W. C. Agers, of the Excise Commission, and Mr. Agers declares that drastic measures looking to the suppression of the illicit traffic in this county will be taken in the near future. Jefferson county has open saloons, but blind tigers flourish all the same.—Troy Messenger.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Mascadoe, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung troubles, hemorrhages, grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. H. Druggists.

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W. P. Windham.

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ELBA, ALA., DEC. 15, 1911.

If you want to be happy, just do something to make some body else happy.

When a man gets two dollars that were not expected, he celebrates by spending five.

If you have the "blues" and want to be cured, just get busy doing something. Idleness is the cause of the "blues," and work is the best remedy.

PER GEE has now extended to Montgomery an invitation to attend his lecture on the subject: "The Price of an Alabama Governor in Open Market."

If Congress would pass some laws providing for the conviction and punishment of cotton speculators, they would very materially help the farmers of the south.

Senator Ben Forester, of Houston County died Wednesday morning. He was one of Houston County's wealthy and leading men. He represented that county in the Senate of Alabama in 1907.

The Montgomery Excise Commission are warning wholesale liquor dealers against aiding blind tigers. It does not seem that the legal sale of liquor stops the blind tiger dealer. The legalized liquor traffic does legalize it. It is a failure.

The Boys' Corn Club.

Editor Clipper:—

Boys' Corn Clubs are being organized all over the state. Coffee County is considered one of the best farming sections in the state. The committee, appointed for this part of the county, will meet here next Saturday for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions or donations which shall be for the encouragement of boys who may wish to join in an agreement to plant one acre of corn to compete for the prize, which will be offered by the county and state to the boy, who will make the

greatest yield of corn on one acre of land.

Mr. Sam Windham has already agreed to give five dollars for this laudible purpose. Others, I am sure, will do the same.

The following are the general rules governing the Boys' Corn Club for 1912:

All members must be of school age.

Every member must plant at least one prize acre of corn, using any variety of corn he may choose.

Each boy must do the most of his own work.

Members must read circulars sent to them.

Members must keep records of crop—time and manner of planting, breaking land, preparing seed bed, cultivation, fertilizer used, seed and so on.

Each boy must keep an account of cost of producing the acre.

Each boy must write a history of his crop at the end of the work.

Every member must measure his yield in the presence of one or two witnesses and report the yield at the end of the year.

Hon. C. H. Byrd, our worthy County Superintendent, is taking quite an interest in organizing clubs all over the county. At some appointed time, it is our purpose to have a general meeting of all the clubs in the county, and discuss methods, etc.

We urge every farmer in the county to encourage their boys to join this great enterprise, and thus instill within them the true principles of scientific farming which will be of lasting benefit to them in their chosen profession.

Most truly,

R. J. H. Simmons,  
W. M. King,  
Miss Josie Pearce,  
Committee.

Wealth in Sand and Gravel.

More than \$21,000,000 worth of sand and gravel was dug for sale in the United States in 1910. This is a figure not many million dollars removed from our present annual production of silver.

According to a report by Ernest C. Hildreth just issued by the Geological Survey

the production of glass sand, other sand, and gravel in 1910, was \$3,410,436 short tons, valued at \$21,087,630, against \$9,585,551 short tons, valued at \$18,988,990, for 1909.

This increase in production of nearly 10,000,000 short tons and in value of over \$2,700,000 is due to the more extensive use of sand and gravel in concrete construction work, building sand constituting nearly half of entire output for the year. During recent years, particularly in the large building centers, there has been a greater general appreciation of the importance of using proper sand and gravel in cement concrete, so that leading architects and builders are requiring sound clean, washed material.

Tests of Material for Federal Buildings.

The Geological Survey formerly made field and laboratory studies of many kinds of sands and gravels in localities where Federal buildings were in course of construction. These studies have shown great variations in the quality of sand and gravel used at different places for making concrete. Some contractors contend that run-of-bank sand and gravel are the best for making concrete, but this contention is generally not sustained by practical trials and experiments. The most desirable material is that which is free from clay, loam, or dust. Mica, pyrite, or limonite also is objectionable, if present in large quantity. A coating of dust or gravel prevents its proper contact with cement, so that such pebbles are easily broken out of the concrete.—Press Bulletin.

Notice.

Commencing Dec. 1st, we will have Tuesday and Saturday as ginning days and our gun will not run only on these days.

Windham Gin Co.

Life Saver

In a letter from Branchland, W. Va., Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman says: "I suffered from womanly troubles nearly five years. All the doctors in the county did me no good. I took Cardui, and now I am entirely well. I feel like a new woman. Cardui saved my life! All who suffer from womanly trouble should give Cardui a trial."

Take CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

50 years of proof have convinced those who tested it, that Cardui quickly relieves aches and pains due to womanly weakness, and helps nature to build up weak women to health and strength. Thousands of women have found Cardui to be a real life saver. Why not test it for your case? Take Cardui today!

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## TENNESSEE MINE A PIT OF DEATH

Hundred Miners Supposed to Have Perished

MINE WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Cross Mountain Coal Mine, near Briceville, Tenn., is Scene of Worst Mine Disaster in Years.

Somewhere in the depths of the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tenn., probably 100 men lie dead while their sorrow-stricken families keep vigil at the mouth of their tomb, hoping against hope that their loved ones may be alive when rescuers reach them.

Eight torn and mangled bodies had been brought forth at midnight Saturday, when search was abandoned for the day. Outside of the immediate families of the entombed men no one in this little mountain village believes that any living thing in the mine survived the terrible explosion of coal dust that wrecked the workings.

For more than thirty-six hours every surviving miner in that region had toiled with no thought of food, sleep or rest, to remove the debris and force fresh air into the innermost recesses of the mine. They practically have penetrated to the main entry level, nearly three miles in. Tomorrow they expect to be ready to work the cross entries in which the other bodies have undoubtedly been cast by the force of the blast.

Black damp developed and retarded progress, but the men forced their way through the gas, and overcame the noxious fumes.

Thousands of the morbidly curious flocked into the village and crowded about the main entry of the mine. They saw nothing because there was nothing to see but the pitiable grief of the stricken families.

All of the bodies recovered have been identified. Among them was that of W. J. Farmer, assistant foreman of the mine. The top of his head had been blown off. He is survived by a widow and two children.

There is hardly a family in the entire Cross Mountain valley that has not felt the icy touch of death. The problem of caring for the widows and orphans will be a grave one, requiring immediate solution.

FIVE MEN ALIVE.

Rescues Made At The Cross Mountain Mine.

Five men were taken out alive from the Cross Mountain mine Monday night after all hope of saving any of the 100 or more men entombed by the explosion last Saturday morning had been abandoned.

All except one man were in good condition after sixty hours below the earth and the rescuers were so encouraged that they bent their energies anew and there were excellent prospects that more survivors would be reached.

The men rescued were: William Henderson, aged 55; Milton Henderson, aged 22; son; Irwin Smith, aged 25; Arthur Scott, aged 34; and Dore Irish, aged 20.

STORK MAKES RECORD.

Girl Baby Born on Train Going 60 Miles an Hour.

The stork went some when he delivered a fine baby girl to Mrs. Bern and Ulrich in a drawing room on the Pennsylvania 18-hour train going sixty miles an hour outside of Chicago.

Mrs. Ulrich, who is the wife of the manager of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, had left Baltimore, where she had been visiting her people. She was accompanied by a maid and a trained nurse.

It was near Hamlet, Ind., that the stork caught up with the railroad train.

Miss Ulrich is awarded the speed record for hour-old babies, having traveled sixty miles the first sixty minutes of her life.

McNAMARAS IN PRISON.

Enter San Quentin Penitentiary to Serve Term.

The McNamara brothers Sunday entered San Quentin penitentiary, where James B. is condemned to spend the remainder of his life for his confessed crime of murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion, and where John J. secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, is sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for dynamiting.

The men entered the prison. It is fairly authenticated, believing they had achieved much for the cause of union labor and had been misunderstood in their efforts and the results they obtained.

Prohibition is Defeated.

A proposal to adopt a general law of prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquors throughout New Zealand has been defeated on submission to the people.

Ferture Found in Bag.

A fortune of \$41,400 has been found in an old leather bag in the home of Mrs. Salome Koerner, who died at Paines, Ind., and who was supposed to be penniless.

## Money To Loan

On COFFEE COUNTY FARMS at 7-12 per cent interest.

3 to 10 years time. Small or large payments, as may suit borrower. Liberal arrangements in case it is desired to pay in 12 months.

Money will be loaned at a high price and general development. A little later there will be a big rush for money. As it takes a little time to get loans through, you had best come on now.

BRING ALL YOUR LAND PAPERS.

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ON IMPROVED FARM LANDS.

We will lend you money on your improved farm lands at a low rate of interest, on long time payments, and easy terms. We make the best contract of any Company in Alabama.

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Elba, Alabama.

## ONE WAY OF SAVING A BABY—FREE TO TRY

The mother does not live who would not do all in her power to keep her child healthy. When she does not know how, so when a doctor of standing points the way all can be saved.

It is an accepted fact that nine out of ten of the troubles of infants and children is intestinal. You notice it by the fact that the child is constipated, it belches, is peevish and cries, it has a remedy that contains an opiate, because the child will get in the habit of needing it, and don't become alarmed and run at once for a doctor.

Try a scientific laxative first. Give a small dose of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the remedy that is intended, ill.

For the use of children. It is mild, gentle and non-gripping. The remedy is absolutely pure and is guaranteed in every particular. Mrs. Toomey of Emmingville, Pa., and Mrs. Fred Crooms of Alanson, Mich., never give their children anything else. These are only a few among thousands of women.

You can buy a fifty cent or one dollar bottle of any nearby druggist, for they have all sold it for a generation, but if you want to test it on your child first send your address to Dr. Caldwell and he will cheerfully send you a free sample bottle.

Address him Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

## Fraternal Insurance vs The American National.

Will your Order guarantee you that your assessments shall never increase?

The American National will.

Will assessments in your Order cease when you are old and your working days are over?

The American National will.

Does your Order guarantee that the full amount of your Policy will be paid at your death?

The American National does.

Does your Order guarantee that your Policy will be paid immediately upon receipt of satisfactory proofs of death?

The American National does.

Will your Order give you a paid up Policy in case you quit paying after any particular number of premiums have been paid?

The American National will.

If you have paid a certain number of premiums and you have hard luck and need a little money will your order loan you money at 6 per cent interest on the sole security of your Policy?

The American National will.

If, after you have carried your Policy for a number of years, and you get in a financial tight place, will your order extend your insurance and carry it for you without your paying the premiums?

The American National will.

Has the history of Life Insurance shown that Orders like yours can pay what it promises to pay, in case of your death, however long you may live?

The American National will.

If you have paid premiums to your order for 20 years, would it pay any of your money back for you to live on in old age?

The American National will.

Don't you think it is better for you to make an annual deposit with the American National of a little larger amount of money and secure your protection, than to give the money to a fraternal order and possibly get nothing back?

Thousands of Other People Think So.

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You had better be careful in the flour you use in baking your Xmas cake.

We have the exclusive agency for Gold Leaf, the best flour that money can buy.

Every sack is guaranteed.

Our stock of fancy goods is complete. Send us an order.

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## Locals-Personals

Mr. Charley Dickert, of New Brockton, was here yesterday.

You can get cranberries at J. H. Rowe & Sons.

Mr. J. A. Carnley went to Samson yesterday on legal business.

Mr. F. L. Brunson, of Samson, was here Wednesday on business.

Fresh celery ordered for next week.

J. H. Rowe & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wise, of Pollard, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. S. H. Brock went to Enterprise Wednesday.

Buy you an over-coat and keep warm.

Morrow Merc. Co.

Mr. H. L. Martin, of Ozark, was here yesterday on business.

Miss Sue Rainer is visiting relatives at Ozark this week.

Don't forget our extra large stock we have bought for the Xmas Holidays.

J. H. Rowe & Sons.

Deputy Sheriff W. P. Stewart, of Enterprise, was here yesterday.

Messrs W. M. Rushing and J. O. Parker are visiting in Panama City this week.

Brain New lot of shoes just received at Morrow Merc. Co.

Messrs J. N. Ham, Jr., and W. W. Ham, Jr., went to Montgomery yesterday.

Morrow Merc. Co. will sell you a suit of clothes cheaper than Sears Roebuck & Co.

Notice.

I am in the market for cows both poor and fat. See me or M. J. Lee. J. M. Garrett.

Administratrix's Notice.

In the Probate Court of Alabama, at Elba, Alabama, Estate of Paul B. Johnson, deceased.

Notice to all parties concerned is hereby given that have this day been appointed administratrix of the estate of my husband, Paul B. Johnson, deceased, by the Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

All parties having claims against said estate will present them either to myself or file them with the court, within the time prescribed by law, or the same will be barred.

This the 2nd day of December, 1911.

Lula F. Johnson, Administratrix.

By Riley & Carmichael, Attorneys.

A Terrible Blunder.

so neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones.

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## GREAT DURBAR IS HELD AT DELHI

George and Mary Rees' Homage of Indian Subjects.

## SCENES OF GREAT SPLENDOR

Durbar Camp Covers About Twenty-Five Square Miles. A Vast Canvas of Indian Subjects.

The Great Durbar at Delhi to celebrate the accession of King George V as emperor of India far outshone the coronation Durbar in 1903, when King Edward was proclaimed. There was a public holiday throughout India, and the royal proclamation was read in every town and village. Already King George and Queen Mary have taken part in many functions, and have received the homage of the princes. Delhi is overrun with visitors from all lands.

In the Durbar of 1903 the emperor and empress were represented by the duke and duchess of Cornwall. About 100 ruling chiefs were in attendance, and the visitors were estimated at something less than 200,000. This year the personal attendance of the king-emperor and queen-empress attracted vast crowds, while the ruling chiefs have gathered from every quarter of India.

**The Durbar Camp.**  
The Durbar Camp is a vast canvas city covering about 25 square miles. It is lighted by electricity, served by a perfect water supply, and provided with excellent roads and a special railway system. Chief of all stands out the emperor's central camp. The huge tent in which both the investiture and the reception will be held is on Grand Avenue. This tent is capable of seating 3,000 persons, and is decorated in blue, white and gold. Behind it, the king's state dining tent, hung with blue, where 160 guests attended the state banquet. Their majestic private tents are to the right, and the emperor has a somewhat similar arrangement to the left. About 100 ruling princes are in Delhi, their camps being in close proximity to that of the king. The blue tent in the evening presents a truly wonderful sight. As far as eye can reach twinkling myriads of electric lights which disclose a picture of white and gold and here and there splashes of color.

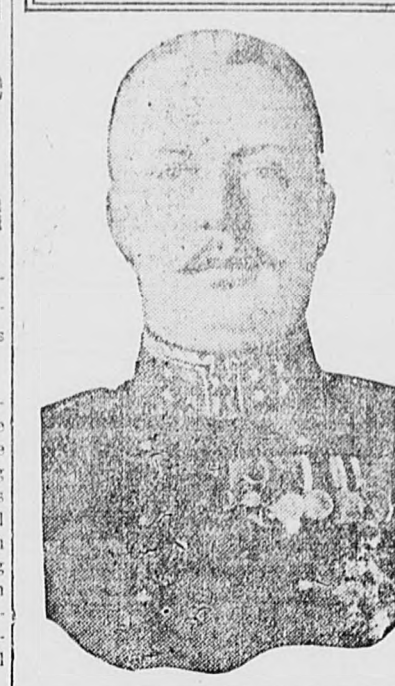
## HEAVYWEIGHTS

**Samuel Drew Tips Scales at 453 Pounds and Bride Weighs 250.**  
Samuel Chesley Drew, the bride of New England for New York's Association who weighs 457 pounds, is back as the bride of David N. H. after a honeymoon trip with his bride, who was Miss Rose Le-foe of Rochester, N. Y. who became the bride at 275 pounds. As there was no carriage in town capable of transporting the happy pair, they were carried from the train to their home in a hot truck.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Drew was the culmination of a romance which had its beginning in the corridors of the state hospital and prison. There is the head chief and Mrs. Drew, chief nurse in the institution.

## PRINCE HENRY.

Queen Wilhelmina's Consort Is Unpopular in Holland.



## PEACE CONFERENCE.

Limited Monarchy Will Be Decided Upon, Imperialists Believe.

A Shanghai dispatch says: General Li Yuan Heng, the revolutionary commander, has telegraphed from Wu Chang to the representatives of the imperialist party that the republicans have decided to select Hankow as the place for the meeting of the peace conference.

Yuan Shao Pi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai left Peking to take part in the negotiations with the revolutionaries.

## LEAPED TO DEATH.

To Commit Suicide, Chicago Man Jumped From the 19th Floor of Skyscraper.

A plunge from the eighteenth floor of the Masonic temple, at Chicago, a man identified as J. E. Greek, a railway machinist, ended his life. Greek stripped off his clothes on the eighteenth floor, dashed across the corridor in the presence of two men, and leaped off. On down Greek's body hit at the foot of the building, and his left arm was cut off. When the severed body was picked up in the wreck of a car stand on the main floor the coroner in the building was in a panic, one man was found unconscious from the impact of the body which brushed by him.

Lawyers who will defend Rev. Clarence V. T. Robinson at his trial on the charge of having murdered Miss Avis Linell, of Boston, appealed to Chief Justice Allen for more time in which to prepare their case. The trial is set for January 15.

"Hank" O'Day, the famous umpire, has been selected by the management of the Cincinnati National League team, to manage that organization next year, succeeding Clark Griffith.

## TREASURY RAID MADE BY HOUSE

Sherwood Service Pension Bill Is Passed.

IT CARRIES \$75,000,000

Bill May Not Go Through The Senate—Many Democrats and Majority of Republicans Voted For Passage of Bill.

The Sherwood service pension bill, which would add upward of \$75,000,000 to the government's annual expenditures by granting increased pensions to civil and Mexican war veterans on the basis of length of service, was passed by the house Tuesday despite the determined opposition of many democratic leaders. Secretary of the house, Mr. Clegg, announced that the bill would add \$75,000,000 to the pension roll if the 400,000 veterans eligible take advantage of it.

Eight Republicans voted with the eighty-four Democrats against the bill. Speaker Clark voted with the majority of his party for the bill and Democratic leaders Underwood and Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, voted against it.

The bill now will go to the senate, where there is a disposition to pass some form of amended service pension. Senate leaders, however, will proceed slowly in the consideration of this legislation and many house Democrats voted for the measure in the belief that the senate would not pass it.

## Turf Lures Senator Bailey.

It was announced at Lexington, Ky., that Senator Joseph W. Bailey, who will retire from the United States senate on March 4, has returned to the trotting horse game and has bought a string of light harness horses which he will campaign next season. Bailey sold his farm and string of horses last year, saying he would not race again.

## Young Girl Bled to Death.

Albion Lester, the beautiful young daughter of Linton Lester, died at Americus, Ga., from an excessive hemorrhage from her gums, an unusual malady and one which physicians could not successfully treat.

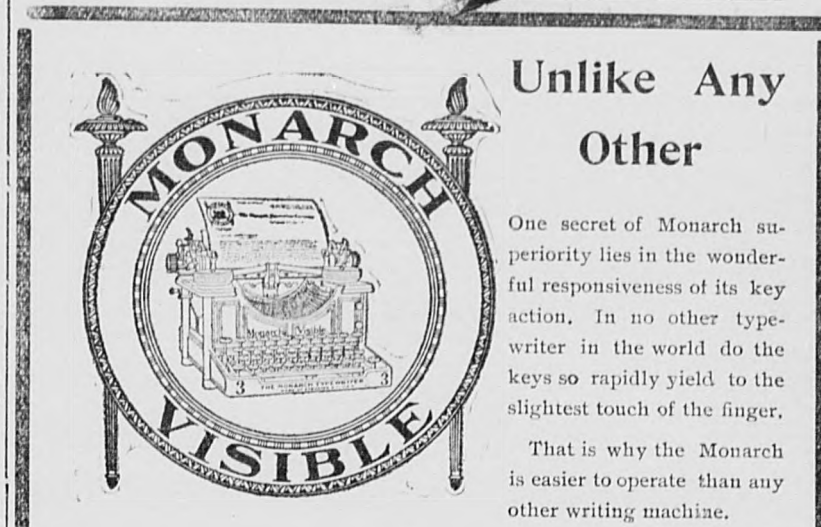
## Sugar Trust Loses.

The full United States circuit court at New York overruled the demurrer interposed by the "sugar trust" to the government's dissolution suit and the defendants were directed to answer the complaints. The court then heard arguments on the demurrers filed by the "sugar trust" in the governmental dissolution suit.

## Wedding Serenade Was Fatal.

Barney Armstrong, Frank Armstrong and Omar Richardson, living near Mount Eden, Ky., decided to start a newly married couple with an evil canon. Their can of powder blow up and all were dangerously hurt.

At the age of 117 years, which is said to be well authenticated, Clara Bently, a negro woman, died at Savannah, Ga. She was born in 1784 and was a native of Georgia and spent most of her life in that state. She retained her faculties until within a short time of her death.



## MONARCH LIGHT TOUCH

That is why it wards off fatigue and saves nerve strain on the part of the stenographer. In consequence, her work is more accurate, greater in quantity than it is possible to obtain with any other writing machine.

## Monthly Payments.

Monarch Machines may be purchased on the Monthly Payment Plan. Send for Monarch Literature. Learn the many reasons for Monarch superiority. A post card will bring full information.

The Monarch Typewriter Company, 97½ Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga.

## DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE.

Inaugural of Governor James B. McCreary Held in New \$2,000,000 Capitol.

After an absence of 36 years, James B. McCreary, a Democrat, came back to the Capitol as governor of Kentucky, for the second time in a third of a century taking the oath of office as chief executive of that state.

At the age of seventy-two he took the oath of office for his second term being the only man in this country to serve as governor of a state twice, with so wide an interval of time elapsing between his terms of office. The inauguration was held in the new \$2,000,000 Capitol building.

## Lincoln Penny Steps Bullet.

A Lincoln penny in the left pocket of Joseph Herman's vest saved him from a bullet through the heart in a row in a Bronx borough court in New York. The coin diverted the bullet and though Herman's condition is serious from a second bullet wound, his recovery is expected.

## NATIONAL THE GOVERNMENT WAS CAPITAL.

NOTES. The government of the pure food and drug act by the supreme court of the United States in a decision in the case of John V. and Alfred Morgan of New York, who were indicted for violation of the law by shipping water labeled "Imperial Spring Water," which, it was alleged, was nothing more than carbon water with mineral salt added.

The law of the state of Arkansas excepting corporations doing business in the state from application of the fellow servant doctrine, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court in the case of the Aluminum company of America against George H. Rumb.

Many of the present and former students of Rollins College, Fla., have

## THE ELBA CLIPPER

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR. SECOND SECTION. No 52

## THE DEATH OF SANTA CLAUS.

By HERBERT KAUFMAN, in Woman's World.

He was almost two thousand years old when he died—the merriest, kindest old man that ever lived in the Land of Dreams. Up yonder under the arch of the April rainbow, just beyond the kingdom of the Gnomes, he used to make wax dolls and Noah's arks, and shiny paper chains and Christmas-tree angels with tinsel hair and robes of diamond-dust.

There was a nut grove in his backyard. And a peppermint candy-tree and an orange-bush and a sugar-plum plant in his garden. And he had eight reindeer that could outrun the North Wind. For years and years he was your gentlest and dearest friend. He danced into your dreams just about the time of the first snowflake. The North Wind used to rattle your window and, slapping a branch against the glass, called down through the chimney to say that Santa Claus again was roaming the world, reading hopes in the hearts of childhood.

You never really saw Him or heard Him. That is, you couldn't see Him like you could see father or hear a voice that said things aloud, but even if you couldn't explain just why and how, you felt sure that His eyes twinkled and danced and that His beard was soft as silk floss and that His hair glistened with the same silver that lights the moon-shine.

And there never was a pippin in the orchard as ruddy or as fat as his cheeks. His memory was always a source of wonder to you—not that it was always accurate—that wasn't the point—but that He could keep you in mind among the billions and billions of boys and girls whom He knew always astounded you.

He never forgot anyone, and if he did once in a while bring you a present that some lassie a thousand miles away had selected—you realized what a tremendous responsibility He carried and made allowances.

Anyhow, after the first little frown of disappointment, you were really as happy with the rocking chair as you thought you would be with a tin kitchen.

He was very fat—such a roly-poly that the mystery of the chimney-hole was a never-ceasing source of speculation.

You must have measured it a hundred times without ever comprehending how he could come down such a little pipe, until one night you reasoned that he was made of India-rubber and then it was perfectly logical how He could squeeze through.

Mother and He were old acquaintances and he trusted her with His address and so she knew where to send your letters. Once you begged the mail man to show you where he lived. He was very polite and took great pains to explain that the Government wouldn't let him divulge any of the confidential secrets of its customers.

All the grown-ups were His friends, but not one of them ever teased Him.

How you did want to meet Him! Oh! If you had only remembered about Pandora and what happened to her when she opened the box of secrets!

You didn't mean to harm him—you just yearned to talk to Him once and let Him know how much you appreciated His love and to

explain about next year's doll, who should have the name of Mary Ann Elizabeth and wear a pink taffeta basque and a sky-blue petticoat with a panner and four lace-trimmed flounces. One year you forgot to remember and feel asleep and you didn't even hear the reindeer tramping on the roof.

The next Christmas mother locked the parlor door and the crack wasn't wide enough to see through.

And then came the fatal eve—the night of the Great Crime—the night when you killed Him. You didn't know that you killed Him. When the horrible truth broke upon you, you just thought that you had been fooled all along and that there never had been a

Santa Claus. It comes back to you now. William Henry and John Randolph were in the conspiracy too. Push back the veil of Time.

Can't you see William in his canton-flannel night suit, lying belly-whopper, watching father through the banister railing chain Rover and put the cat out? Then father came back again and put another log on the fire and latched the blind and lit his candle and came upstairs.

Just at that moment John lost his balance and stubbed his toe so hard against the banister-post that you could hear the joint crack—it sounded awfully loud in the stillness. It was a miracle that he didn't catch you before you got back in your beds.

What wonderful actors you were! Father couldn't tell you were awake. He held the candle over your face for almost a minute and never knew to this day that you were watching him through your lashes.

And then, he bent over and kissed you on the eyes and before you knew it you were actually asleep and William had to pinch you and tell you to listen. And then you sat up and you heard the sleigh-bells "just as plain," and after that you could hear Him moving around in the parlor.

John wanted to climb up to the attic, sneak through the trap door and catch the reindeer, but when he got there it was so dark that he was afraid and came running back.

Then hand in hand the three of you crept down the creaking stairs and opened the parlor door. Oh! If you had never done it! If you had only stayed away!

You killed Him—you whom he loved. There wasn't any Santa Claus in the room at all, but just father and mother, who were undoing rown paper parcels and bought-nings from stores and filling stockings with ordinary everyday apples and nuts from Wilson's grocery and French mixtures that came from town.

There was no real Christmas after that. He was dead. And all these years you have gone on believing that he was just a myth—a legend—a story.

But now that you're old and wise, you know that you were wrong.

You realize at last the greatness of your punishment. He just made a magic spell and before you could look at Him He had changed everything and turned Himself into father and mother.

That was the penalty you paid for doubting, and He never again came back.

You had lost your faith and that ended everything. Some folks think that the fairy people and the dream people and the gods are immortal, but it isn't so. They don't die as we do from whooping cough and scarlet fever nor by being hit by stones. Such things don't affect them a bit. But if you doubt them a one time—if you stop believing in them, "honest Iujuu, cross my heart"—if you listen to those who say that they don't exist, why they just vanish like bubbles and never do come back to YOU.

Formal giving is an empty shell, and frequently has a rattling sound.

## Christmas

The earth has grown old with its burden of care.

But at Christmas it is always young; The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair.

And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air.

When the song of the angel is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming to night.

On the snowflakes that cover the sod The feet of the Christ Child fall gentle and white.

And the voice of the Christ Child tells out with delight.

That mankind are the children of God.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field.

Where the feet of the holiest have trod; This is the marvel to mortals revealed.

When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed.

That mankind are the children of God.

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## Just 10 Days Till Christmas.

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